

Concerning the proceeding: Docket 17-108

Net Neutrality rules must be protected!

ISPs must NOT be given the power to block websites, slow them, give wealthy ideologically-based sites advantage over others, or split the Internet into "fast lanes" for companies that pay and "slow lanes" for the rest of us.

Now is not the time to let giant ISPs the power or potential to censor what we see and do online.

Censorship by ISPs is a serious problem.

NOTED EXAMPLES: "Comcast has throttled Netflix, AT&T blocked FaceTime, Time Warner Cable throttled the popular game League of Legends, and Verizon admitted it will introduce fast lanes for sites that pay-and slow lanes for everyone else-if the FCC lifts the rules."

This hurts consumers and businesses large and small.

The FCC's Title II classification must be supported so the public is protected from Republican ideologues starting with the very conflicted appointee, Mr. Pai. Have they no shame?

I agree that If some companies can pay our ISPs to have their content load faster, startups and small businesses that can't pay those fees won't be able to compete. You would consequently kill the open marketplace (Pai's intention?) that has enabled millions of small businesses and created the 5 most valuable companies in America-- just to further enrich a few much less valuable cable giants famous for sky-high prices and poor customer service.

I agree that by overturning Net Neutrality, internet providers would be able to impose a private tax on every sector of the American economy.

Moreover, under Chairman Pai's REPUBLICAN-BACKED plan, ISPs will be able to make it more difficult to access political speech that they don't like. They would be able to charge fees for website delivery that would make it harder for blogs, nonprofits, artists, and others who can't pay up to have their voices heard.

I'm sending this to the Republican-stacked FCC's open proceeding, but I worry that Chairman Pai, a conflicted former Verizon lawyer, has made his plans and will ignore me and millions of other Americans.

So I too am also sending this to my members of Congress. Please publicly support the FCC's existing net neutrality rules based on Title II, and denounce Chairman Pai's plans. Do whatever you can to dissuade him and his other Republican accomplices.

Sincerely,

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